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Organization of work of the Second Committee

Note by the Secretariat

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Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the provisional agenda of the sixty-third regular session of the Assembly (A/63/150), the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (A/63/250) and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience.

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Practices and working methods

4. The Second Committee, in implementing General Assembly resolution 58/316, in particular paragraphs 3 (c) and (d) of section C of the annex, shall utilize or expand the practice of interactive debates and introduce the practice of "question time".

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5. The Second Committee, in the past, decided to limit statements on all agenda items to 7 minutes and to limit statements during the general debate to 15 minutes.

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Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

6. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the Main Committees of the General Assembly, an average of seven formal meetings a week have been scheduled for the Second Committee. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. In this connection, the Assembly decided to remind delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the Assembly, the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Informal consultations

7. In view of the financial measures affecting conference services, and as indicated in the programme of work, some of the formal meetings allocated to the Second Committee will be utilized for informal consultations under the chairmanship of the Bureau members of the Committee so as to ensure full servicing of those consultations. In accordance with established practice, informal consultations will be used for expressing general observations on the proposals and for adopting them ad referendum. All drafting will be done at the level of informal "informal" consultations (without interpretation or other services) and will be conducted by the appointed coordinators/facilitators.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

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Conclusion of the work of the Committee

9. Bearing in mind the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of 28 November 2008 for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Draft programme of work of the Second Committee

Week of 29 September-3 October 2008

Monday, 29 September

10 a.m.

Organization of work

Week of 6-10 October 2008

Monday, 6 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

General debate

Tuesday, 7 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

General debate (*continued and concluded*)

Friday, 10 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. (*side event*)

Week of 13-17 October 2008

Monday, 13 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 50*: Macroeconomic policy questions:**

(b) International financial system and development

(c) External debt and development: towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries

(d) Commodities

Tuesday, 14 October

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 52 (b) through (d)

Wednesday, 15 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 57*: Operational activities for development**

Thursday, 16 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 51*: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference**

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 57

Friday, 17 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dialogue with the executive secretaries of the regional commissions

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 51

Week of 20-24 October 2008

Monday, 20 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. (*side event*)

3-6 p.m.

***Item 49*: Information and communication technologies for development**

Tuesday, 21 October

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 49

Wednesday, 22 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 56*: Eradication of poverty and other development issues:**

(a) Implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)

(b) Industrial development cooperation

Thursday, 23 October[1]

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 41*: Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources**

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 56 (a) and (b)

[1] The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations will be holding a lunchtime event in observance of World Food Day.

Friday, 24 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. (*side event*)

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 41

Week of 27-31 October 2008

Monday, 27 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 52*: Sustainable development:**

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

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(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

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(f) Convention on Biological Diversity

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session

Tuesday, 28 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 52*: Sustainable development, sub-items (a) through (g) (*continued*)**

3-6 p.m.

***Item 53*: Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**

Wednesday, 29 October

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 52 (a) through (g) and item 53

Thursday, 30 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 54*: Globalization and interdependence:**

(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence

(b) International migration and development

(c) Culture and development

(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Friday, 31 October

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 54 (a) through (e)

Week of 3-7 November 2008

Monday, 3 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 55*: Groups of countries in special situations:**

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

Tuesday, 4 November

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 55 (a) and (b)

Wednesday, 5 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 50*: Macroeconomic policy questions:**

(a) International trade and development

3 to 6 p.m.

***Item 50*: Macroeconomic policy questions, sub-item (a) (*continued*)**

***Item 113*: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly[2]**

***Item 122*: Programme planning[3]**

Thursday, 6 November

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 50 (a), item 113 and item 122

Week of 10-14 November 2008

Monday, 10 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.

2008 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and 2008 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

Tuesday, 11 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m. (*side event*)

Thursday, 13 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m. (*side event*)

Week of 17-21 November 2008

Tuesday, 18 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Action on outstanding items

Thursday, 20 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Action on outstanding items

Week of 24-28 November 2008

Tuesday, 25 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Wednesday, 26 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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41. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources			
A/63/74-E/2008/13			
Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report prepared by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (GA res. 62/181, para. 8, and ECOSOC res. 2008/31, para. 15)	Regional Commissions, New York Office		Issued
A/63/123			
Letter dated 8 July 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General on the resolutions adopted by the 118th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union		Received: 11 July 2008	
49. Information and communication technologies for development			
A/63/72-E/2008/48			
Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels (GA res. 62/182, para. 3, and ECOSOC res. 2006/46, para. 20)	UNCTAD		Issued
A/63/180			
Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system (GA res. 50/130, para. 10, and 51/172, para. 9)	DESA		Issued

[1] A/63/150 and Corr.1.

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50. Macroeconomic policy questions:			
(a) International trade and development			
A/63/15 (Part I)			
Report of the Trade and Development Board on its forty-third executive session, 3 March 2008 (GA res. 1995 (XIX))	UNCTAD		Issued
A/63/15 (Part II)			
Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-fourth special session, 17-20 March 2008 (GA res. 1995 (XIX))	UNCTAD		Issued
A/63/15 (Part III)			
Report of the Trade and Development Board on its forty-fourth executive session, 10 July 2008 (GA res. 1995 (XIX))	UNCTAD	Edited and translated in Geneva; estimated date of submission for processing at Headquarters: 1 Aug. 2008	
A/63/15 (Part IV)			
Report of the Trade and Development Board on its fifty-fifth annual session, 15-26 September 2008 (GA res. 1995 (XIX))	UNCTAD	Edited and translated in Geneva; estimated date of submission for processing at Headquarters: 10 Oct. 2008	
A/63/168			
Report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its twelfth session (Accra, 20-25 April 2008) (GA res. 1995 (XIX))	UNCTAD		Issued
A/63/324			
Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development (GA res. 62/184, para. 24)	UNCTAD	Submitted: 25 Aug. 2008	
(b) International financial system and development			
A/63/96			
Report of the Secretary-General on the international financial system and development (GA res. 62/185, para. 25)	DESA		Issued

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(c) External debt and development: towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries			
A/63/181			
Report of the Secretary-General on progress towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries (GA res. 62/186, para. 29)	UNCTAD		Issued
(d) Commodities			
A/63/267			
Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report prepared by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects (GA res. 61/190, para. 21)	UNCTAD		Issued
51. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference			
A/62/921			
Summaries by the President of the General Assembly of the review sessions on the thematic areas of the Monterrey Consensus (GA res. 62/187, para. 10)	DESA		Issued
A/63/80-E/2008/67			
Summary by the President of the Economic and Social Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (14 April 2008) (GA res. 60/188, para. 16, and ECOSOC res. 2008/14, para. 2)	DESA		Issued
A/63/179			
Report of the Secretary-General on the latest developments related to the review process on financing for development and the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (GA res. 62/187, para. 13)	DESA		Issued
A/63/____			
Note by the Secretary-General on the organization of work of the 2008 Review Conference (29 November-2 December 2008, Doha) (GA res. 62/187, para. 14)	DESA	Slot date: 15 Sept. 2008	

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A/63/123			
Letter dated 8 July 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General on the resolutions adopted by the 118th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union		Received: 11 July 2008	
52. Sustainable development:			
A/63/225			
Report of the Secretary-General on the oil slick on Lebanese shores (GA res. 62/188, para. 7)	UNEP		Issued
A/63/66			
Letter dated 14 March 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly transmitting the Arab Ministerial Declaration on Climate Change (Cairo, 5-6 December 2007)			Issued
(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development			
A/63/304			
Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (GA res. 47/191 and res. 62/189, para. 23)	DESA		Issued
(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States			
A/63/296			
Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (GA res. 62/191, para. 13)	DESA		Issued

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A/63/297			
Report of the Secretary-General on progress towards the sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea for present and future generations (GA res. 61/197, para. 14)	DESA	Submitted: 18 Aug. 2008	
(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction			
A/63/351			
Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (GA res. 62/192, para. 27)	ISDR	Submitted: 18 Aug. 2008	
(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind			
A/63/76-E/2008/54			
Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (GA res. 39/229 and ECOSOC res. 2008/13)	DESA		Issued
A/63/294			
Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports submitted by the secretariats of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, and the Convention on Biological Diversity, on the implementation of United Nations environmental conventions (GA res. 62/86, para. 13, res. 62/193, para. 19, and res. 62/194, para. 17) (see also sub-items 52 (e) and (f))	DESA	Submitted: 15 Aug. 2008	
(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa			
A/63/294			
Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports submitted by the secretariats of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, and the Convention on Biological Diversity, on the implementation of United Nations environmental conventions (GA res. 62/86, para. 13, res. 62/193, para. 19, and res. 62/194, para. 17) (see also sub-items 52 (d) and (f))	DESA	Submitted: 15 Aug. 2008	

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(f) Convention on Biological Diversity			
A/63/294			
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(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session			
A/63/25 (Supplement No. 25)			
Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session (20-22 February 2008) (GA res. 2997 (XXVII) and res. 62/195, para. 17)	UNEP		Issued
53. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)			
A/63/291			
Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (GA res. 62/198, para. 24)	UN-Habitat	Submitted: 15 Aug. 2008	
A/63/353			
Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (ECOSOC decision 2008/239)	DGACM	Submitted: 15 Sept. 2008	
E/2008/64			
Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (ECOSOC decision 2008/239)	UN-Habitat		Issued

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54. Globalization and interdependence:			
(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence			
A/63/333			
Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of globalization on the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals (GA res. 62/199, para. 16)	DESA	Submitted: 26 Aug. 2008	
(b) International migration and development			
A/63/265			
Report of the Secretary-General on international migration and development (GA res. 61/208, para. 9)	DESA		Issued
(c) Culture and development			
No request for advance documentation			
(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption			
A/63/88			
Report of the Secretary-General on preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption (GA res. 62/202, para. 20)	UNODC		Issued
A/63/____			
Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption on its second session (Nusa Dua, Indonesia, 28 January-1 February 2008) (GA res. 62/202, para. 20) (see CAC/COSP/2008/15, below)	UNODC		
CAC/COSP/2008/15			
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(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy			
A/63/256			
Report of the Secretary-General on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (GA res. 61/210, para. 12)	DESA		Issued
55. Groups of countries in special situations:			
(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries			
A/63/77-E/2008/61			
Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (GA res. 62/203, para. 24, and ECOSOC res. 2008/37, para. 25)	OHRLLS		Issued
A/63/284			
Note by the Secretary-General on the modalities of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and its preparatory process (GA res. 62/203, para. 22)	OHRLLS		Issued
(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation			
A/63/165			
Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action (GA res. 62/204, para. 15)	OHRLLS		Issued
56. Eradication of poverty and other development issues			
A/63/123			
Letter dated 8 July 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General on the resolutions adopted by the 118th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union		Received: 11 July 2008	

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(a) Implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)			
A/63/159			
Report of the Secretary-General on the role of microcredit and microfinance in the eradication of poverty (GA res. 61/214, para. 8)	DESA		Issued
A/63/190			
Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017) (GA res. 62/205, para. 13)	DESA		Issued
(b) Industrial development cooperation			
A/63/309			
Report of the Secretary-General on industrial development cooperation (GA res. 61/215, para. 21)	DESA	Submitted: 19 Aug. 2008	
57. Operational activities for development			
A/63/71-E/2008/46			
Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive statistical analysis of the financing of operational activities for development of the United Nations system for 2006 (GA res. 59/250 and res. 62/208)	DESA		Issued
A/63/201			
Report of the Secretary-General on trends in contributions to operational activities for development of the United Nations system and measures to promote an adequate, predictable and expanding base of United Nations development assistance (GA res. 62/208, para. 30)	DESA		Issued
A/63/207			
Report of the Secretary-General on the implications of aligning the strategic planning cycles of the United Nations funds and programmes with the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development (GA res. 62/208, para. 98)	DESA		Issued
A/63/205			
Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (GA res. 39/125) (see also item 59 (a))	UNIFEM		Issued

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A/63/85-E/2008/83			
Letter dated 11 June 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Mozambique to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General on the summary statement of outcomes and the way forward of the seminar on Delivering as One (21-23 May 2008, Maputo)			Issued
113. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly			
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Annex

Draft programme of work of the Second Committee

Week of 29 September-3 October 2008
Monday, 29 September
10 a.m.

Organization of work

Week of 6-10 October 2008
Monday, 6 October
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

General debate

Tuesday, 7 October
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

General debate (*continued and concluded*)

Friday, 10 October
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (*side event*)

Week of 13-17 October 2008
Monday, 13 October
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 47*: Macroeconomic policy questions:**

(b) International financial system and development

(c) External debt and development: towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries

(d) Commodities

Tuesday, 14 October
6 p.m.: deadline for submission of proposals under item 47 (b) to (d)

Wednesday, 15 October
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 54*: Operational activities for development**

Thursday, 16 October
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 48*: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference**

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of proposals under item 54

Friday, 17 October
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dialogue with the executive secretaries of the regional commissions

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of proposals under item 48

Week of 20-24 October 2008
Monday, 20 October
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (*side event*)

3-6 p.m.

***Item 38*: Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources**

Tuesday, 21 October
6 p.m.: deadline for submission of proposals under item 38

Wednesday, 22 October
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 53*: Eradication of poverty and other development issues:**

(a) Implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)

(b) Industrial development cooperation

Thursday, 23 October[1]
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 46*: Information and communication technologies for development**

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of proposals under item 53 (a) and (b)

Friday, 24 October
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (*side event*)

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of proposals under item 46

Week of 27-31 October 2008
Monday, 27 October
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 49*: Sustainable development:**

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

[1] The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations will be holding a lunchtime event in observance of World Food Day.

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session

Tuesday, 28 October
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 49*: Sustainable development, sub-items (a) to (g) (*continued*)**

3-6 p.m.

***Item 50*: Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**

Wednesday, 29 October
6 p.m.: deadline for submission of proposals under item 49 (a) to (g) and item 50

Thursday, 30 October
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 51*: Globalization and interdependence:**

(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence

(b) International migration and development

(c) Culture and development

(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Friday, 31 October
6 p.m.: deadline for submission of proposals under item 51 (a) to (e)

Week of 3-7 November 2008
Monday, 3 November
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 52*: Groups of countries in special situations:**

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

Tuesday, 4 November
6 p.m.: deadline for submission of proposals under item 52 (a) and (b)

Wednesday, 5 November
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 47*: Macroeconomic policy questions:**

(a) International trade and development

3-6 p.m.

***Item 47*: Macroeconomic policy questions, sub-item (a) (*continued*)**

***Item 110*: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly[2]**

***Item 119*: Programme planning[3]**

Thursday, 6 November
6 p.m.: deadline for submission of proposals under item 47 (a), item 110 and item 119

Week of 10-14 November 2008
Monday, 10 November
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

2008 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and 2008 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

Tuesday, 11 November
3-6 p.m. (*side event*)

Thursday, 13 November
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (*side event*)

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[2] The item is allocated to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work for the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

[3] The item is allocated to all the Main Committees and the plenary of the General Assembly to enhance discussion of evaluation, planning, budgeting and monitoring reports.

Week of 17-21 November 2008
Tuesday, 18 November
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Action on outstanding items

Thursday, 20 November
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Action on outstanding items

Week of 24-28 November 2008
Tuesday, 25 November
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Action on outstanding items

Wednesday, 26 November
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Action on outstanding items

Conclusion of the work of the Second Committee